



## COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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### TWO POSITIVE POINTS OF INFORMATION

I am pleased to advise you of two points of positive information:

1. Los Angeles County Fire Department's second USAR team of ten that went to Haiti last Friday are scheduled to return home on Sunday afternoon. This team of nine Fire Department personnel plus one doctor (not a County employee) has assisted with ready response rescue capability, logistics support and humanitarian outreach, all coordinated by USAID.

All personnel are in good health and in high spirits. This group and their families will be honored at the February 11<sup>th</sup> event to which you have been invited.

In addition to these ten, three Los Angeles County Fire Department USAR personnel will remain in Haiti in USAID/UN support roles until February 14<sup>th</sup>. One Fire Captain is still serving in Washington, D.C. All expenses related to the Haiti deployments will be reimbursed by USAID.

2. Sheriff Lee Baca and I, with the support of Chief Executive Officer William T Fujioka, have provided critically needed leaders for the Los Angeles Regional Interoperability Communications System (LA-RICS) Project. Deputy Chief Scott Poster and retired Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Chief John Radeleff will serve as interim Task Force Leader and Deputy Task Force Leader, respectively.

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Their contributions will move this unprecedented public safety Homeland Security Communications Project forward in these challenging times. Among their many duties will be guiding the Request for Proposal release, vendor selection process, day-to-day project management, funding recruitment for a permanent LA-RICS Executive Director, and support of the JPA Board.

The LA-RICS Project is a region-wide effort which must meet the needs of numerous cities, the County and other agencies. Chief Poster and Chief Radeleff are well aware of their joint mission of fulfilling regional requirements of this project, even though both of their positions are funded by the County of Los Angeles.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (323) 881-2401.

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